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In re:

LTL MANAGEMENT LLC,¹

Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No.: 23-12825 (MBK)

Judge: Michael B. Kaplan

Hearing Date and Time:

October 18, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

**SUMMARY COVER SHEET AND STATEMENT FOR THE FINAL FEE
APPLICATION OF JONES DAY FOR ALLOWANCE OF FEES
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL TO THE
DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 5, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 11, 2023**

¹ The last four digits of the Debtor's taxpayer identification number are 6622. The Debtor's address is 501 George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933.

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Debtor: LTL Management LLC

Applicant: Jones Day

Case No.: 23-12825-MBK

Client: LTL Management LLC

Chapter: 11

Case Filed: April 4, 2023 (the “Petition Date”)

**SECTION 1
FEE SUMMARY**

☐ Interim Fee Application No. or ☒ Final Fee Application

Summary of Amounts Requested for the Period from April 5, 2023 through August 11, 2023 (the “Compensation Period”).

	<u>FEEs</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
Total Previous Fees Requested:	<u>\$14,369,318.75</u>	<u>\$258,005.70</u>
Total Allowed to Date:	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total Retainer (If Applicable):	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total Holdback (If Applicable):	<u>\$2,873,863.75</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Received by Applicant: ²	<u>\$997,202.14</u>	<u>\$14,350.36</u>

Fee Total:	\$14,369,318.75
Disbursement Total:	\$258,005.70
Total Fee Application:	\$14,627,324.45

² Jones Day has completed its reconciliation of prepetition fees and expenses actually incurred for services provided to the Debtor for the period prior to the Petition Date and has made a corresponding adjustment to the amount of the retainer held by Jones Day. The remaining amount of the retainer was \$1,011,552.50. Upon the filing of the certificate of no objection [Dkt. 1316] in respect of the *First Monthly Fee Application of Jones Day for Allowance of Compensation for Services Rendered and for Reimbursement of Expenses as Counsel to the Debtor for the Period from April 5, 2023 Through April 30, 2023* [Dkt. 1254], Jones Day applied the remaining retainer to its fees and expenses incurred during the period from April 5, 2023 through April 30, 2023.

SUMMARY OF HOURS AND COMPENSATION BY PROFESSIONAL

Name of Professional & Title	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate (including changes)	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
E C Baker, Partner	2001	\$1,125.00	231.80	\$260,775.00
E C Baker, Partner	2001	\$562.50	2.60	\$1,462.50
B B Erens, Partner	1991	1,500.00	428.20	\$642,300.00
B B Erens, Partner	1991	\$750.00	27.50	\$20,625.00
N J Francisco, Partner	1999	\$1,600.00	6.70	\$10,720.00
G Ghaul, Partner	2013	\$1,225.00	377.80	\$462,805.00
G M Gordon, Partner	1980	\$1,800.00	703.20	\$1,265,760.00
G M Gordon, Partner	1980	\$900.00	36.50	\$32,850.00
J M Jones, Partner	1986	\$1,600.00	501.70	\$802,720.00
J M Jones, Partner	1986	\$800.00	15.00	\$12,000.00
T B Lewis, Partner	1987	\$1,350.00	395.20	\$533,520.00
C K Marshall, Partner	2001	\$1,325.00	176.70	\$234,127.50
J E Mazey, Partner	1998	\$1,325.00	4.00	\$5,300.00
D J Merrett, Partner	2007	\$1,200.00	704.20	\$845,040.00
D J Merrett, Partner	2007	\$600.00	11.00	\$6,600.00
B K O'Connor, Partner	2003	\$1,250.00	175.70	\$219,625.00
D B Prieto, Partner	2000	\$1,250.00	852.20	\$1,065,250.00
D B Prieto, Partner	2000	\$625.00	58.30	\$36,437.50
M W Rasmussen, Partner	2006	\$1,225.00	696.00	\$852,600.00
M W Rasmussen, Partner	2006	\$612.50	9.00	\$5,512.50
K A Rubin, Partner	2013	\$1,275.00	9.20	\$11,730.00
A Rush, Partner	2011	\$1,125.00	915.60	\$1,030,050.00
A Rush, Partner	2011	\$562.50	25.10	\$14,118.75
D S Torborg, Partner	1998	\$1,300.00	845.70	\$1,099,410.00
D S Torborg, Partner	1998	\$650.00	31.00	\$20,150.00
K L Wall, Partner	2009	\$1,200.00	346.40	\$415,680.00
P M Green, Of Counsel	2007	\$1,275.00	182.90	\$233,197.50
R Luther III, Of Counsel	2009	\$1,000.00	12.80	\$12,800.00
M I Lyle, Of Counsel	1984	\$925.00	226.10	\$209,142.50
M N Bales, Associate	2017	\$750.00	432.00	\$324,000.00
M E Ball, Associate	2019	\$700.00	106.80	\$74,760.00
A A Beck, Associate	2017	\$875.00	7.00	\$6,125.00
T J Deason, Associate	2020	\$650.00	54.20	\$35,230.00
E M Dowling, Associate	2022	\$625.00	175.10	\$109,437.50
J L Gale, Associate	2022	\$625.00	57.70	\$36,062.50
G N Gottbrecht, Associate	2020	\$675.00	271.60	\$183,330.00
G N Gottbrecht, Associate	2020	\$337.50	8.00	\$2,700.00
A P Johnson, Associate	2018	\$800.00	279.40	\$223,520.00

Name of Professional & Title	Year Admitted	Hourly Billing Rate (including changes)	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
P Lombardi, Associate	2021	\$700.00	446.70	\$312,690.00
I M Perez, Associate	2016	\$875.00	833.40	\$729,225.00
I M Perez, Associate	2016	\$437.50	3.00	\$1,312.50
C P Redmond, Associate	2019	\$850.00	27.50	\$23,375.00
O D Roberts, Associate	2022	\$650.00	206.10	\$133,965.00
S A Shimoda, Associate	2016	\$925.00	169.90	\$157,157.50
D C Villalba, Associate	2019	\$750.00	224.00	\$168,000.00
T M Villari, Associate	2021	\$650.00	453.70	\$294,905.00
T M Villari, Associate	2021	\$325.00	15.80	\$5,135.00
M E Walters, Associate	2016	\$750.00	191.20	\$143,400.00
M E Walters, Associate	2016	\$375.00	9.50	\$3,562.50
B J Wierenga, Associate	2018	\$850.00	168.50	\$143,225.00
A T Williams, Associate	2022	\$625.00	223.80	\$139,875.00
N P Yeary, Associate	2021	\$775.00	344.20	\$266,755.00
A R Tawil, Law Clerk	2023	\$650.00	71.30	\$46,345.00
L C Fischer, Staff Attorney	1996	\$625.00	62.00	\$38,750.00
M P Huneycutt, Staff Attorney	2003	\$600.00	4.80	\$2,880.00
S E Booth, Paralegal	N/A	\$425.00	123.60	\$52,530.00
S E Booth, Paralegal	N/A	\$212.50	17.20	\$3,655.00
J Chludzinski, Paralegal	N/A	\$500.00	5.00	\$2,500.00
P M Kral, Supervisor Paralegal	N/A	\$425.00	118.20	\$50,235.00
C L Smith, Paralegal	N/A	\$475.00	596.40	\$283,290.00
N T Bittle, Project Manager	N/A	\$350.00	11.00	\$3,850.00
B V Zayas, Project Manager	N/A	\$425.00	4.30	\$1,827.50
H Livnat, Librarian	N/A	\$250.00	13.60	\$3,400.00
TOTAL			13,744.60	\$14,369,318.75

BLENDED RATE OF PROFESSIONALS – TOTAL

Professionals	Blended Rate	Total Hours	Total Compensation
Partner	\$1,305.93	7,586.30	\$9,907,168.75
Of Counsel	\$1,079.04	421.80	\$455,140.00
Associate	\$747.01	4,709.10	\$3,517,747.50
Law Clerk	\$650.00	71.30	\$46,345.00
Staff Attorney	\$623.20	66.80	\$41,630.00
Paralegal	\$455.85	860.40	\$392,210.00
Project Manager	\$371.08	15.30	\$5,677.50
Librarian	\$250.00	13.60	\$3,400.00
TOTAL	\$1,045.45	13,744.60	\$14,369,318.75

**BLENDED HOURLY RATE FOR DOMESTIC OFFICES
CONTRIBUTING 10% OR MORE OF BILLED HOURS**

Office/Category of Professional	Blended Rate
Atlanta – Partner/Of Counsel	\$920.00
Atlanta – Associate	\$538.00
Atlanta – Law Clerk	\$451.00
Atlanta – Staff Attorney	\$376.00
Atlanta – Paralegal	\$346.00
Chicago – Partner/Of Counsel	\$1,000.00
Chicago – Associate	\$579.00
Chicago – Law Clerk	\$525.00
Chicago – Staff Attorney	\$449.00
Chicago – Paralegal	\$235.00
Dallas – Partner/Of Counsel	\$954.00
Dallas – Associate	\$562.00
Dallas – Law Clerk	\$463.00
Dallas – Staff Attorney	\$321.00
Dallas – Paralegal	\$282.00
Miami – Partner/Of Counsel	\$929.00
Mami – Associate	\$544.00
Miami – Law Clerk	\$0.00
Miami – Staff Attorney	\$0.00
Miami – Paralegal	\$309.00
New York – Partner/Of Counsel	\$1,076.00
New York – Associate	\$622.00
New York – Law Clerk	\$515.00
New York – Staff Attorney	\$181.00
New York – Paralegal	\$322.00
Washington – Partner/Of Counsel	\$1,010.00
Washington – Associate	\$629.00
Washington – Law Clerk	\$532.00
Washington – Staff Attorney	\$357.00
Washington – Paralegal	\$371.00

COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY

SERVICES RENDERED	HOURS	FEES
Automatic Stay Matters relating to extension or enforcement of automatic stay.	139.10	\$144,172.50
Case Administration Matters relating to administration of case, including maintenance of docket and calendar; and service matters.	501.80	\$501,717.50
Claims Administration Matters relating to claim inquiries; bar date motions; analyses, objections and allowance of claims.	72.10	\$65,840.00
Court Hearings Matters relating to preparation for and attendance at hearings.	2,316.50	\$2,533,647.50
Creditor Inquiries Matters relating to responding to creditor inquiries about the case that are general in nature.	0.00	\$0.00
Employee Matters Matters relating to any direct or seconded employees.	0.00	\$0.00
Executory Contracts and Unexpired Leases. Matters relating to contract and lease analysis, assumption, assumption and assignment, rejection or recharacterization of executory contracts and unexpired leases.	0.00	\$0.00
Fee Application Preparation Matters relating to preparation of Jones Day fee applications and the preparation of monthly invoices.	109.50	\$52,342.50
Financing Matters Matters relating to funding the Debtor.	0.00	\$0.00
General Corporate Matters relating to transactional, corporate governance and related matters that do not relate to the plan or disclosure statement process.	109.30	\$119,437.50
Litigation and Adversary Proceedings Matters relating to non-bankruptcy litigation and adversary proceedings, including the adversary proceeding for an injunction to extend the stay to non-debtor protected parties.	6,294.80	\$6,870,330.00
Non-Working Travel Matters relating to non-working travel time, billed at 50% of a timekeeper's customary rate.	281.00	\$171,008.75
Plan of Reorganization and Disclosure Statement Matters relating to formulation, negotiation, preparation and promulgation of a plan, a disclosure statement and matters related to exclusivity.	1,999.50	\$2,164,112.50
Post-Dismissal Order Matters Matters addressing any remaining issues in connection with the 2021 Chapter 11 Case pursuant to the Dismissal Order.	283.20	\$244,642.50

SERVICES RENDERED	HOURS	FEEs
Professional Retention/Fee Issues Matters relating to retention of professionals, including preparation of retention applications, and objections to professionals fees.	764.00	\$630,250.00
Schedules/SOFA/U.S. Trustee Reporting Matters relating to preparation of schedules and amendments thereto, statement of financial affairs and amendments thereto, monthly operating reports and other reports required by the U.S. Trustee, the Bankruptcy Court, the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules or the Local Bankruptcy Rules.	203.00	\$186,002.50
Talc Matters Matters relating to talc claims, including analysis, valuation, strategy, negotiations, communications and meetings related to talc claims and any assistance in claims estimation matters relating to talc claims.	670.80	\$685,815.00
Tax Advice Matters relating to federal and state income, property, excise and other tax matters, including tax planning matters.	0.00	\$0.00
Use, Sale, Lease of Assets Matters relating to postpetition uses of property of the estate, including any acquisitions or dispositions.	0.00	\$0.00
SERVICE TOTALS	13,744.60	\$14,369,318.75

EXPENSE SUMMARY

Expense Category	Total Expenses
Consultants and Agents Fees	\$3,655.21
Courier Services	\$61.18
Court Costs	\$2,754.20
Court Reporter Fees	\$41,038.15
Document Reproduction Charges	\$6,512.40
General Communication Charges	\$168.37
Litigation Expenses	\$4,408.36
Meeting Room Charges	\$28,278.11
Staff Overtime Charges	\$753.29
Supplies	\$2,107.39
Travel – Airfare	\$26,452.91
Travel – Car Rental	\$2,926.99
Travel – Food and Beverage Expenses	\$48,899.29
Travel – Hotel Charges	\$28,895.53
Travel – Other Costs	\$1,050.81
Travel – Taxi Charges	\$26,227.90
Travel – Train Fare	\$1,751.00
United Parcel Service	\$1,956.88
Video and Electronic Expenses	\$30,107.73
TOTAL	\$258,005.70

I certify under penalty of perjury that the above is true.

Dated: September 7, 2023

/s/ Daniel J. Merrett

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**FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF JONES DAY FOR ALLOWANCE
OF FEES AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES AS COUNSEL TO THE
DEBTOR FOR THE PERIOD FROM APRIL 5, 2023 THROUGH AUGUST 11, 2023**

Jones Day, counsel to the above-captioned debtor (the “Debtor”), submits its final application for allowance of compensation of \$14,369,318.75 and reimbursement of expenses of \$258,005.70 for the period from April 5, 2023 through August 11, 2023 (the “Compensation Period”) in accordance with the *Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Retained Professionals* [Dkt. 562] (the “Interim Compensation Order”), the

¹ The last four digits of the Debtor’s taxpayer identification number are 6622. The Debtor’s address is 501 George Street, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08933.

Order (I) Dismissing Debtor's Chapter 11 Petition Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 1112(b); (II) Establishing Procedures with Respect to Requests for Compensation; and (III) Granting Related Relief [Dkt. 1211] (the "Dismissal Order"), 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, and Rule 2016-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court of New Jersey (the "Local Rules").

In support of this application, Jones Day respectfully represents as follows:

1. During the Compensation Period, Jones Day did not receive any payments or promises of payment from any other source for services rendered or to be rendered in any capacity whatsoever in connection with the matters covered by this application. There is no agreement or understanding between Jones Day and any other person, other than partners of the firm, for sharing of compensation to be received for services rendered in this case.

2. The fees charged by Jones Day in this case are billed in accordance with its existing billing rates and procedures in effect during the Compensation Period. Such fees are reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in comparable nonbankruptcy cases in a competitive national legal market.

3. Pursuant to D.N.J. 2016-1 and the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective November 1, 2013 (the "Guidelines"), included herewith are: (a) a schedule setting forth all Jones Day professionals and paraprofessionals who have performed services in this chapter 11 case during the Compensation Period, the capacities in which each individual is employed by Jones Day, the hourly billing rate charged by Jones Day for the services performed by such individual, the aggregate number of hours expended in this case during the Compensation Period and fees billed therefor and the year in which each professional was first licensed to practice law, and (b) a schedule setting forth the actual and necessary disbursements

that Jones Day incurred during the Compensation Period in connection with the performance of professional services for the Debtor and for which it seeks reimbursement.

4. Jones Day's itemized time records for professionals and paraprofessionals performing services for the Debtor during the Compensation Period and Jones Day's itemized records detailing expenses incurred on behalf of the Debtor during the Compensation Period were attached as Exhibit B to the previously-filed monthly fee applications (the "Prior Monthly Fee Applications"), which exhibits are incorporated herein by reference.

5. This application complies with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), the Interim Compensation Order, the Dismissal Order, the Local Rules and the Guidelines.

Background

6. On April 4, 2023 (the "Petition Date"), the Debtor commenced this reorganization case (the "Chapter 11 Case") by filing a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code.

7. On May 4, 2023, the Debtor filed its *Application for Retention of Jones Day, Effective as of April 4, 2023* [Dkt. 427], by which the Debtor sought authority to retain and employ Jones Day as its counsel in this Chapter 11 Case. On June 14, 2023, the Court entered an order [Dkt. 772], attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizing the retention of Jones Day as the Debtor's counsel.

Prior Monthly Fee Applications

8. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order, Jones Day has filed the following Prior Monthly Fee Applications for the months within the Compensation Period, each of which is incorporated herein by reference in its entirety:

- a. For April 5, 2023 through April 30, 2023 — fees of \$2,947,360.00 and expenses of \$14,350.36 [Dkt. 1254];
- b. For May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023— fees of \$4,157,871.25 and expenses of \$23,478.42 [Dkt. 1255];
- c. For June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 — fees of \$4,750,173.75 and expenses of \$145,419.47 [Dkt. 1303] (the “Third Monthly Fee Application”);
- d. For July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 — fees of \$2,063,301.25 and expenses of \$74,105.33 [Dkt. 1311] (the “Fourth Monthly Fee Application”); and
- e. For August 1, 2023 through August 11, 2023 — fees of \$450,612.50 and expenses of \$652.12 [Dkt. 1312] (the “Fifth Monthly Fee Application”).

9. Each Prior Monthly Fee Application contained a summary of the activities performed by Jones Day professionals and paraprofessionals during the Compensation Period.²

In total, Jones Day has submitted Prior Monthly Fee Applications during the Compensation Period for fees of \$14,369,318.75 and expenses of \$258,005.70. As of the date of this application, no party has objected to any of Jones Day’s Prior Monthly Fee Applications.³

Expenses Incurred By Jones Day

10. Section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes “reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses” incurred by professionals employed in a chapter 11 case. Accordingly, Jones Day seeks reimbursement for expenses incurred in rendering services to the Debtor during the Compensation Period in the amount of \$258,005.70. Itemized records detailing the expenses incurred during the Compensation Period were attached as Exhibit B to each Prior Monthly Fee Application, which exhibits are incorporated herein by reference.

² The summaries are qualified in their entirety by reference to the time and services detail attached as Exhibit B to each Prior Monthly Fee Application, which exhibits are incorporated herein by reference.

³ The objection deadlines relating to the (a) Third Monthly Fee Application, (b) Fourth Monthly Fee Application and (c) Fifth Monthly Fee Application have not yet passed.

11. Jones Day maintains the following policies with respect to expenses:
- a. No amortization of the cost of any investment, equipment or capital outlay is included in the expenses. In addition, for those items or services that Jones Day purchased from or contracted with a third party (such as outside copy services), Jones Day seeks reimbursement only for the exact amount billed to Jones Day by the third party vendor and paid by Jones Day to the third party vendor.
 - b. Photocopying by Jones Day was charged at 10 cents per page. To the extent practicable, Jones Day utilized less expensive outside copying services.
 - c. Meals charged to the Debtor either were associated with (a) out-of-town travel; (b) meetings at Jones Day with the Debtor and other professionals; or (c) attorneys working late on matters concerning the Debtor.
 - d. Computer-assisted research is billed on a per-search and/or per-minute basis, depending upon the provider.
 - e. Charges for airline and train travel include the cost of each airline or train ticket used in connection with the provision of services to the Debtor.
 - f. Jones Day does not charge clients for cellphones or other similar charges.
 - g. The time pressures associated with the services rendered by Jones Day frequently required Jones Day's professionals and paraprofessionals to devote substantial amounts of time during the evenings and on weekends. Jones Day has charged the Debtor for secretarial and other staff overtime expense that is directly associated with such after-hours work and was necessary given the circumstances of this case. Jones Day does not consider these to be part of its ongoing overhead expenses because they are special incremental expenses arising from the specific services being provided to the Debtor.

Adjustments to Fees and Expenses

12. Consistent with its own internal policies and to comply with the “reasonableness” requirements of section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, Jones Day has reviewed its monthly service descriptions and expense detail and has determined that certain fees and

expenses should not be charged to the Debtor. In particular, Jones Day has voluntarily determined that \$313,280.00 in fees and \$1,400.00 in expenses should not be charged to the Debtor. This application reflects those adjustments.

Conclusion

13. The fees and expenses requested herein by Jones Day are billed in accordance with its existing billing rates and procedures in effect during the Compensation Period. Such fees are reasonable based on the customary compensation charged by comparably skilled practitioners in comparable nonbankruptcy cases in a competitive national legal market.

14. No agreement or understanding exists between Jones Day or any third person for the sharing of compensation, except as allowed by section 504(b) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2016 with respect to the sharing of compensation between and among partners of Jones Day.

15. All of the services for which compensation is requested hereunder were rendered at the request of and solely on behalf of the Debtor, and not on behalf of any other entity. In accordance with the Guidelines, the *Certification of Daniel J. Merrett* is attached hereto as Exhibit B and incorporated herein by reference.

WHEREFORE, Jones Day respectfully requests that, pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order and the Dismissal Order, the Court (a) allow on a final basis compensation of \$14,369,318.75 for services rendered by Jones Day during the Compensation Period, (b) allow on a final basis reimbursement of expenses of \$258,005.70 for expenses incurred during the Compensation Period, (c) authorize payment of these allowed fees and expenses to Jones Day and (d) grant such other and further relief to Jones Day as the Court may deem proper.

Dated: September 7, 2023

Respectfully submitted,

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